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Honorable William E. Duffin  
U.S. District Court  
Eastern District of Wisconsin  
517 E. Wisconsin Avenue  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

RE: *United States v. Samy Hamzeh*  
Case No. 16-CR-21 (WED)

Dear Magistrate Judge Duffin:

Yesterday the defense filed a motion seeking to adjourn next week's status conference. In it, we indicated one reason we had for seeking the adjournment was continuing concerns about the transcripts. After we filed the motion, the government expressed concern that the Court might conclude that the government agreed with our position on the transcripts and the problems that persist. We didn't intend such an implication. We merely intended to communicate our view on the transcripts and that, as to the adjournment request, the government did not oppose it. This letter should clarify that the government does not agree with our assessment of the transcripts.

That being said, we will continue to try to work with the government on the transcripts and hope to have the problems resolved without the Court's intervention.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

/s/ Craig W. Albee

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